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1. WHEN FIRST OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] ONLY A POSSIBLE AIRWAY BEACON, ONE BUILDING, GROUND SCARRING AT THE NORTH END, AND POSSIBLY SOME STRUCTURES IN WHAT NOW COMPRISES THE HOUSING AND/OR POSSIBLE R & D AREA WERE EVIDENT. NO TEST FACILITIES WERE OBSERVED. BETWEEN JUNE 1959 AND JULY 1965 FIFTEEN KH AND [REDACTED] HAVE COVERED THIS FACILITY.
2. FACILITIES INCLUDE 1 HORIZONTAL AND 3 VERTICAL TEST STANDS WITH RELATED SUPPORT FACILITIES, A COMPONENTS TEST AREA (INITIALLY IDENTIFIED AS A POSSIBLE LOX PLANT), A HOUSING AND/OR POSSIBLE R & D AREA, A STORAGE AREA, AND AN UNIDENTIFIED SECURED AREA WHICH SEEMS TO BE AN INDEPENDENT UNIT.
3. CONSTRUCTION OF 2 VERTICAL TEST STANDS WAS COMPLETE IN AUGUST 1962 AND THE THIRD APPEARED COMPLETE IN FEBRUARY 1964. ALL MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE FACILITY WERE COMPLETE BY MARCH 1964.
4. A HORIZONTAL TEST STAND WAS FIRST IDENTIFIED ON [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WHEN A TEST FIRING WAS OBSERVED IN PROGRESS. THIS WAS THE FIRST INDICATION OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY AT THIS FACILITY.
5. [REDACTED] REVEALS INDICATIONS OF CONTINUING TEST ACTIVITY AT THE 3 VERTICAL TEST STANDS AS EVIDENCED BY STAINS IN

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THE EFFLUENT SUMPS AND EARTH SCARRING IN THE BLAST PITS AT THE TEST STANDS. BECAUSE OF A BLAST MARK, INDICATING TEST ACTIVITY, THE AREA INITIALLY IDENTIFIED AS A POSSIBLE LOX PLANT CAN NOW BE CONFIRMED AS A COMPONENTS TEST AREA. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT THE NORTH END OF THE TEST STAND AREA, FIRST OBSERVED IN FEBRUARY 1964, IS CONTINUING. SEVERAL SMALL STRUCTURES ARE VISIBLE IN THE AREA.

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